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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/725,618

Applicant(s)

TAKEKAWA ET AL.

Examiner

SIMON D NGUYEN

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 April 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,7 and 8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-5,7 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 3-5, 7-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kaku (5,987,334) in view of Mochizuki (6,625,446).

Regarding claim 1, Kaku discloses communication controller which selects one out of a plurality of radio communication lines and performs communication using the selected line, said communication controller comprising (abstract, figs. 1-3): a plurality of connection units (Ni...Ni), wherein one connection unit is connected to each one of said radio communication lines (fig.1-3); a radio-field-intensity acquisition unit (monitoring unit) which acquires a radio field intensity of each of said radio communication lines (column 3 lines 1-3, 40-67, column 4 lines 1-5); a selection unit which selects one of said connection units whose radio field intensity is equal to or higher than a threshold; a control unit which provides a control to perform data communication using said connection unit selected by the selection unit and said radio communication line corresponding to said selected connection unit (column 4 lines 6-22); and a mounted-state monitoring unit which monitors the mounted state of said connection units, wherein, based on the result of monitoring the mounted state of said

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connection units by said mounted-state monitoring unit, said control unit connects said selected connection unit to said radio communication line corresponding to said selected connection unit only when said selected connection unit is mounted (column 4 lines 6-22). However, Kadu does not specifically disclose when data transmission/reception is interrupted because of error in a line, the control unit waits until the line returning to intensity level and reconnect the line to continue the data communication.

Mochizuki, in the same field of invention, discloses a program control in which when a field intensity level of a data communication of a line performed by a mobile computer using a cellular phone suddenly deteriorated, the line has disconnected in the middle of the data communication, the CPU waits until it returns to the communicable field intensity level and reconnect the line to continue the data communication according to the line connecting program (column 9 line 17 to column 10 line 41). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have Kaku, modified by Mochizuki to continue transmission/reception the remaining of data communication in the same line which is a potentially less time than to retransmit whole data again on a new line.

Regarding claim 3. Kaku further discloses wherein if data communication is established using one connection unit and corresponding radio communication line and if there is an interruption in this data communication, then said control unit connects other connection unit and corresponding radio communication line and resumes the interrupted data communication (column 4 lines 15-22, 64-67).

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Regarding claim 4, Kaku further discloses wherein if data communication is established with one communication counterpart terminal and if there is an interruption in this data communication, then said control unit performs data communication with other communication counterpart terminal (column 4 lines 6-22, 52-67).

Regarding claims 5, 7-8, these claims are rejected for the same reason as set forth in claims 1, 3-4, respectively, wherein a computer readable recording medium having a control program to be used for selecting, controlling multi-lines is inherently in the system.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 3-5, 7-8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Simon Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 308-1116. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward F. Urban, can be reached on (703) 305-4385.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Or faxed to:

(703) 872-9314, (for formal communications intended for entry)

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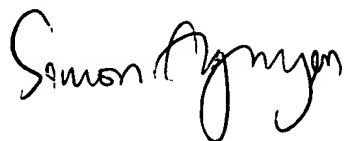
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Simon Nguyen

May 4, 2004

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Simon Nguyen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name and date.